

## REMARKS

### **I. Introduction**

In the Office Action mailed on 06/05/2007, the Examiner indicated that claims 249-251, 261, 274-276 and 286 are in condition for allowance. Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for his thoughtful consideration and allowance of these claims.

### **II. Status of the Claims**

Accordingly, Applicant has cancelled claims 252-260, 262-273, 277-285, and 287-298 in this application without prejudice in order to expedite prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in a continuation/divisional application.

### **III. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of the allowed claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be useful in resolving any outstanding issues, he is invited to call the undersigned at 970-266-4584 or Thomas D. Briscoe at 970-204-7002.

Respectfully submitted,

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